



GODTEL

Report

July 2022~Lufkin

***“Our fathers’ God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With freedom’s holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!”
Fourth verse of “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”***

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July

Not in any particular order...

Fireworks, watermelon, outdoor barbeques, family reunions, lakes, boating, fishing, summer jobs, swimming, and birthdays.

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EMPLOYMENT REPORT:

New jobs-2

Still Working-4

Praise the Lord!

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Third time is a charm or so it is said. Christi update. Shortly after the last newsletter went out Christi had another crisis. And, once again, it was decided to send her back to Houston. Christi already had been diagnosed with a degenerative bone disease. With her current condition her bones became more fragile and started to crack and be easily crushed.

This third trip to Houston, also, became her third back surgery. This time she had feeling in her legs and feet. Physical therapy was started right away. She came home by Uber to Livingston and then Joseph picked her up from GODTEL and brought her to Lufkin.

It wasn't long until Christi felt something wasn't right. A trip to the hospital in Lufkin ended up to a fourth trip to Houston. There was fluid build up around the drain tubes and surgical site. There was no need for surgery and

the draining began. A watchful eye was kept on the situation to make sure the fluid would not build up again. The doctors were, also, watching for infection. Praise the Lord there was no infection and the fluid did not return to delay the healing process.

Another Uber ride from Houston to Livingston GODTEL for Christi. Joseph picked her up and brought her home. We praise God that she is continuing to heal and get back on her feet...literally. It will still be a long process but we are truly seeing God's light at the end of this long, hard journey. And Crystal is still by Christi's side.

Kevin checked in mid-January. He completed his prison sentence and relocated to Lufkin. GODTEL is where he first landed. He began to get his life back on track. He followed the rules and volunteered for chores. He had several medical appointments. It took time for his income to be reactivated. And then began the applications for a place to live. He continued to be patient and find the right place. He finally found a place to move into. It was a blessing to gather linens and dishes to help him when he left here and settled in his own home.

And what about the laundry? Once, again, we experienced God's amazing supply. Slade got here the end of the month. He is a

young man and had just got out of jail. He needed a temporary place while getting his life back on track. He agreed to step in and do the laundry. He is doing a good job. He has time to go out and look for a job. So we wait to see how God will work in Slade's life.

Eric is a resident, checking in mid-month. He is, also, helping around the mission. He is helping in the kitchen and laundry-getting a well rounded experience in service.

We had another visit from the youth of First Baptist Church in Broaddus. They had an encore meal of the delicious Dorito casserole and fruit salad. We enjoyed it just as much this time as we did the first time. We will be seeing these youth on a regular basis. Yummy! Tacos, chicken alfredo, link sausage and pizza completed the tasty meals from our guest cooks this past month.

We met Kathy in 1989 when we moved to Lufkin and took over the manager position at GODTEL. For a few years she and her husband would be residents. Sometimes they were together and sometimes by themselves. He went to prison for several years. When he got out they were together. We did not see either of them for years until Kathy walked into my office earlier this year. My heart sank. Kathy had spent time in jail and got out and came back

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So You'll Know

June 2022
1st-20 people
30th-22 people
Total helped-50 people
Praise the Lord!



Martin Baker
Executive Director

Bro. Martin Baker was one of the founders and is the Board President of God's Open Door To Eternal Life, Inc. d.b.a. GODTEL Ministries, a 501 (c)(3) organization.

We are incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas but we do not seek nor accept government funding of any kind.

GODTEL operates three homeless shelters in East TX, located in Nacogdoches, Lufkin, and Livingston, where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is presented daily in word (twice daily Bible classes & Christian counseling) and deed (shelter, food, clothing, and other necessities).

In Nacogdoches and Livingston, GODTEL operates "Christian Help Centers" which freely provide clothing, furniture, and household items to area residents.

Martin is available to speak about GODTEL to your Church or civic group. Most days you may reach him at the Lufkin Mission.

**"The poor have the Gospel preached to them."
Matthew 11:5**

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~ ~ ~ God's truth is marching on! ~ ~ ~
("Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory")

to Lufkin. She came to GODTEL. She did not stay long. She moved to her sister's and that did not last long, either. A return trip to GODTEL. When she left, on her own volition, she was told this was the last time we would help her. From her own mouth she confessed a lifetime of bad decisions and a desire to make better ones today. She is no stranger to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray she will heed His message and make Him Savior and Lord of her life.

IN MEMORY

GODTEL Ministries-Lufkin has received a gift in memory of Bro. June Gentry

Martin is still running the highway 59 north and south two days a week. The guys at the Livingston mission are involved in a room renovation. They took everything out

of the room. Hauled off the trash in many trips. The next week old sheetrock came down and was taken to the landfill. New sheetrock went up the next week. And the work continues...You are welcome to come by and pick up a paintbrush or a roller and show off your artistic talent as we make over the store-room at GODTEL Livingston. While there visit with the manager Benita, and work side by side with Terry and Greg. If it is Thursday you'll see Martin.

We are breaking high temperature records here in east Texas. It is HOT! Be safe and stay cool.

Thank you for your support. What a fellowship we have in Christ Jesus!

Because we serve a Living God,
Martin and Mary Baker

A big THANK YOU
To Warm Hearts of
Texas and BOMBAS
Socks
Our feet will be warm
as well as our hearts.
(a total of 350 pairs, PTL!)